

Thank you for your willingness to participate in the upcoming CANUSLANT 2002 exercise which will be held June 25-27, 2002, at the Algonquin Hotel in St. Andrews, New Brunswick. As has been indicated in previous communications about this exercise, the format for CANUSLANT 2002 will consist of a tabletop exercise, followed by a series of facilitated breakout sessions focusing on a series of issues identified as priorities by the U.S./Canadian Joint Response Team for the Atlantic Region.

The purpose of this email is to provide you the following three items:

- 1) Your issue group assignment for the breakout portion of the exercise.
- 2) Background papers on the priority issues developed by the exercise design team members.
- 3) An updated schedule for exercise participants

For the purpose of the breakout sessions, you have been assigned to the Community issues group. The specific discussion papers for that issues group are attached to this e-mail. If you feel that you would be better assigned to another issues group, please let me know. Also, if there is an issue that you feel is of great importance and is not included in the discussion papers, please prepare an outline of this issue in the format provided and e-mail it to me. We will then try to add it to the group discussions during the exercise.

Attached are the issue papers for your assigned issues group as well as an exercise schedule for CANUSLANT 2002. Please note that the times on the agenda are in Atlantic time (one hour ahead of Eastern Time).

- [Communications between government and communities](#)
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- [Revised CANUSLANT 2002 Schedule of Events](#)

If you have any questions concerning the exercise or your participation, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 902-426-6035 or by email at SpicerG@mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca. You may also contact Lieutenant Commander Joseph Gleason (USCG) by phone at 617-223-8586 or by email at jgleason@d1.uscg.mil.

Thank you again for participating in CANUSLANT. We look forward to an excellent exercise.

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Issue Paper

Topic

Communications between government and communities

Assigned Discussion Group

Community

Issue

- 1) What are the hindrances limiting interaction between government and community during a spill situation and what system(s) can be implemented to prevent communication breakdown?
- 2) What recommendations can be made to overcome communication breakdown
- 3) What is the role of JEERT/REET in this system
- 4) What is required in the community

Background

Past experiences indicate that community has been made aware of an oil spill situation by local media or by direct involvement in the incident. This is not conducive to vital participation by community members, which include fishers, rec. operators and environmental organizations and local businesses. In recent years with the development of the Community Action Partnership Program (CAPP) under Canadian Coast Guard and the creation of the NB Fundy group under this program community in New Brunswick are now provided with a system of having input in an oil spill situation.

The Fundy New Brunswick CAPP Committee (FNBCC) has developed Response Resource Guides, which provide immediate access to essential services required during a spill. These have been utilized during spill exercises such as CANUSLANT 2000 but community has not been utilized or informed to a beneficial degree leaving their involvement periphery at best.

Although community is now being recognized as a vital component of an oil spill response, a communication system is still not in place, which includes them in communications protocols.

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Issue Paper

Topic
Compensation Differences
Assigned Discussion Group
Community
Issue
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provision of a long term compensation “baseline”2. Adopt the “Emergency Harvesting” concept as a response to oil spills effecting the aquaculture industry by developing protocol and guidelines for compensation.
Background
It has been demonstrated in previous spill situations that the compensation for losses to the fishing, aquaculture, and tourism industries as well as shoreline property damage has not been addressed in fair and equitable terms. Compensation packages have been based to some degree by geographical locations, geographic economies, and seasonal adjustments.
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Issue Paper

Topic

Expectations of higher levels of government

Assigned Discussion Group

Community

Issue

1. What does community expect pertaining to response issues from responsible government agencies?
2. What are community expectations?
3. How can community ensure expectations are being met?
4. Are the expectations realistic?

Background

During a response situation community is naturally reliant on government agencies to respond, protect and reclaim affected areas. This can prove to be both inefficient and fallible during both small and significant situations due to site arrival time, acquisition of equipment and priorities.

The Atlantic Regional Environmental Emergencies Team (REET) consisting of representatives from Fisheries and Oceans, Environment Canada, provincial Department of Environment and Local Government and Canadian Coast Guard serves to consolidate environmental advice to the responsible party and to co-ordinate aspects of a government response.

It is the REET member's responsibility to evaluate the spill situation and determine the best possible actions to prevent further negative effects and clean up what has occurred. To date this has been done with little or no community input but agencies are finding this component vital to a successful response.

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